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Pages 15 and 16, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 15, line 27 to page 16, line 11, replace the bridging paragraph with:

As shown in Fig. 3A, the virtual workflow definition storing unit 116 is composed of a table 310 of the virtual workflow definition, a virtual attribute table ~~320~~ 3201 for storing an attribute contained in the definition, and a virtual workflow node table ~~330~~ 3301. The virtual workflow definition storing unit 116 operates to store the definition information of the virtual workflow definition managed by the virtual workflow system. The virtual attribute table ~~320~~ 3201 and the virtual workflow node table ~~330~~ 3301 serves to store the virtual attribute and the information of the virtual node defined by each virtual workflow definition. One virtual workflow definition corresponds to one virtual attribute table and one virtual workflow node table.

Pages 17 and 18, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 17, line 24 to page 18, line 4, replace the bridging paragraph with:

The virtual definition series table 340 is composed of a record having a field of a virtual workflow definition ID 342, a field of a condition ~~34~~ 344 for executing the virtual workflow definition, and a field of a definition series 346.

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The definition series 346 is a field in which one
corresponding pattern is specified if two or more actual
workflow definitions being matched to the virtual workflow
definition are provided according to the condition.

    Page 18, the first full paragraph, lines 5 to 12, replace
the paragraph with:

        The virtual link table 3501 is composed of a record
having a field of a virtual ID 3521, a field of an actual
workflow definition ID 354 3541 having a node to be linked
with the virtual node, and a field of a link ID 356 3561. One
virtual node link table 3501 is located for each record of the
virtual definition series table 340. This holds true to the
arrangement of the virtual node link table 3502.

    Pages 24 and 25, the paragraph bridging these pages from
page 24, line 26 to page 25, line 7, replace the bridging
paragraph with:

        Figs. 14A and 143B 14B show one screen of a workflow
client of the virtual workflow definition registration. Fig.
14A shows the screen specified at the step 606. The actual
workflow definition required for registering the virtual
workflow definition is invoked like the block 1404. The node
to be registered as the node of the virtual workflow in the

actual workflow definition is specified by shading 1406. By invoking the virtual workflow registering block 1408, the virtual workflow definition 1410 shown in Fig. 14B is generated.